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SUBJECT: (U) Secretary Clinton's March 24, 2009

Conversation with Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd

¶1. Classified by Acting EAP A/S Alexander A. Arvizu. Reason: 1.4 (d)

¶2. (U) March 24; 1:00 p.m.; Washington, DC.

¶3. (U) Participants:

U.S. The Secretary Charge d'Affaires Dan Clune Dr. Anne-Marie Slaughter, S/P Glyn Davies, EAP PDAS Robert Wood, Acting Spokesman Joseph Macmanus, AUSTRALIA Prime Minister Kevin Rudd Ambassador Dennis Richardson Duncan Lewis, National Security Advisor Alister Jordan, Chief of Staff Philip

¶4. (C/Rel Aus) SUMMARY. In a 75-minute lunch following Rudd's White House meeting, the Secretary and PM Rudd discussed Afghanistan, Pakistan,

AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN

¶5. (C/Rel Aus) The Secretary and PM Rudd agreed on the importance of making progress in building up the Afghan National Army. Rudd confirmed F

¶6. (C/Rel Aus) The Secretary and PM Rudd discussed the need to turn Pakistan away from its "obsessive focus" on India, towards the problems in

CHINA

¶7. (C/Rel Aus) PM Rudd said Chinese Politburo member Li Changchun had indicated Chinese leaders viewed the Secretary's recent visit to Beijing

¶8. (C/Rel Aus) Calling himself "a brutal realist on China," Rudd argued for "multilateral engagement with bilateral vigor" -- integrating China

¶9. (C/Rel Aus) Reviewing recent Chinese leaders, Rudd assessed that Hu Jintao "is no Jiang Zemin." No one person dominated Chinese leadership

¶10. (C/Rel Aus) Rudd noted Chinese leaders were paranoid about both Taiwan and Tibet, but with subtle differences; leaders' reactions on Taiwan

RUSSIA

¶11. (C/Rel Aus) In light of his upcoming meeting with Russian President Medvedev, Rudd asked for insights into Russian political dynamics. The

Asia Pacific Community

¶12. (C/Rel Aus) Noting Russia's interest in being included in Asian regional architecture, Rudd explained the thinking behind his Asia Pacific

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